GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the food items imported from and exported to during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(b) whether the percentage of export has increased;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to export of food items?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): The total export and import of cereals and pulses during each of the last three years is given as under :

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05(Estimated)	
	Qty.(TONS)	Value(Crores)	Qty.(TONS)	Value(Crores)	Qty.(TONS)	Value(Crores)
Export	9186137	8098.12	8263241	7285.29	8012635	9113.59
Import	1994848	2738.86	1725372	2287.26	1348743	1792.71

The information regarding country-wise details of foodgrains imported/exported during the last three years may be seen in the publications `Monthly statistics of Foreign Trade of India Vol. II(Imports)-Annual Number` and `Monthly statistics of Foreign Trade of India Vol. I(Exports)-Annual Number` published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics which are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) & (c) : Yes, Sir. The percentage of export of cereals and pulses has increased by about 25% in terms of value during 2004-05 over 2003-04.

(d): With a view to encourage the export of Agricultural products, the Government has taken new initiatives as under:

(i) A new scheme called the Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana (Special Agricultural Produce Scheme) was announced on 31.8.2004 with an objective to promote export of fruits, vegetables, flowers, minor forest produce, dairy, poultry and their value added products.

(ii) Funds shall be earmarked under ASIDE for development of Agri Export Zones(AEZ).

(iii) Capital goods imported under EPCG shall be permitted to be installed anywhere in the AEZ.